

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King (R-IA) today released the following statement following comments by former Department of Justice Voting Rights Attorney Christian Adams that the Department of Justice dismissed the successful voter intimidation prosecution of members of the “New Black Panthers” over racial considerations.

“DOJ whistleblower, Christian Adams, credibly alleges that the Department of Justice has adopted a default mechanism by which it is deciding how to handle voting rights cases based on the racial makeup of the parties involved. This is an explosive allegation, and is just the latest evidence of a Department of Justice that is more interested in playing racial politics than in ensuring Americans receive equal protection of the law.” □

“Adams says that ‘there’ s no doubt’ the DOJ will not prosecute voting rights cases if the defendant is black and the victim is white. In addition, Adams has claimed that the Justice Department views voting rights cases of white victims with a ‘pervasive hostility.’ In Adams’ view, both of these factors came into play in the Department’s decision to dismiss the successfully prosecuted case brought against the New Black Panthers in Philadelphia.” □

“Regrettably, this does not appear to be the only time the Obama administration has improperly allowed race to factor into its actions. The DOJ has invalidated a voter passed referendum which established non-partisan local elections in Kinston, North Carolina, with DOJ political appointee Loretta King arguing that ‘removing the partisan cue in municipal elections . . . will, in all likelihood, eliminate the single factor that allows black candidates to be elected to office’.” □ In another case, President Obama ordered Attorney General Holder to declare that Arizona’s immigration law promoted ‘racial profiling’ even though neither man had bothered to read the bill. In yet another instance of President Obama framing his remarks on race, he quickly and publicly concluded that Officer Crowley had ‘acted stupidly’ in the arrest of Professor Gates, even though Obama knew little more about the case than the race of the parties involved.” □

“I have been briefed in detail on the New Black Panther case for more than a year. I know Adams and I know he is telling the truth. Christian Adams’ principled resignation from a top position at DOJ was because the law was being so perverted and because Obama administration officials were lying under oath, including directly to me before the House Judiciary Committee. The decision to dismiss the charges against the ‘New Black Panthers’ in the most open and shut case of voter intimidation in American history is a scandal that has now been revealed to go as far up as the Attorney General, and perhaps to the White House.”

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